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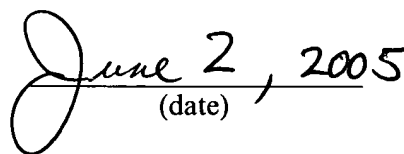
DECLARATION OF DISCLOSURE OF ADMITTED PRIOR ART

In November 1999, the undersigned mounted a blow-on labeling head inside a printing machine. The labeling head was mounted to the printer at the print station. Labels were applied to the bottom of the container as the print head applied ink to a sidewall of the container. See attached drawing, dated November 16, 1999.

The labeling head was a model CTM 360 unaltered from the manufacturer. The labeler was triggered by a "product sense" photo-eye supplied with the labeler. The photo-eye sensed the position of the printing mandrel with the mounted container as the mandrel indexed into position. After the photo-eye sensed the mandrel, a timed-delay within the labeler assured that the container was in position before the labeling head blew the label onto the bottom of the container. A pneumatic valve and blow-on pad configuration was supplied by CTM.

On or about February 2000, product made from the above-described printer/labeler configuration was sold to a commercial customer.


Joseph M. Dewig (signature)


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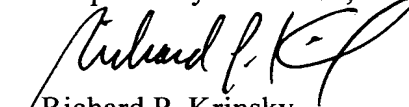
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Sir:

Applicants hereby submit the attached Declaration of Disclosure of Admitted Prior
Art for consideration in the prosecution of the above-referenced matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be
required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 02-1010 (5723-68359).

Respectfully submitted,



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